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- (a) Local school officials, including teachers within the educational institution, who have been determined by the institution to have legitimate educational interests in the records.
- (b) Officials of other schools or school systems at which a student is interested in enrolling. The student or parent must be notified of such release except in cases involving Bureau of Indian Affairs schools. All Bureau of Indian Affairs schools are considered to be components of one school system whether operated under contract or otherwise.
- (c) Persons having official involvement with a student's application for or grant of financial aid.
- (d) Parents of a dependent student as defined in section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended.
- (e) Accreditation agencies in order to carry out their accrediting functions.
- (f) U.S. Office of Education officials and other governmental education officials when deemed necessary by the institution to carry out their official functions.
- (g) An education testing center or similar institution as a part of its validation research which has been authorized by the school.
- (h) In an emergency, any person to whom the information is necessary in the discretion of the school's administration in order to protect the student's health and safety, subject to §43.17.
- (i) Indian groups, contractors, grantees, professional social service organizations and personnel performing professional services, when necessary to carry out an official function authorized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.
- (j) Pursuant to the order of a court of competent jurisdiction; however, the parent or eligible student must be notified of such order in advance of compliance therewith by the educational institution.

§ 43.15 Content of consent.

The consent of a parent or eligible student requested under this part for the release of student records shall be in writing, signed and dated by the person giving the consent. The consent shall include:

- (a) A specification of the records to be released.
 - (b) The reasons for release.
- (c) The names of the parties to whom the records will be released.

§ 43.16 Copy to be provided to parents or eligible students.

Where the consent of a parent or eligible student is required under this part for the release of student records, a copy of the records to be released shall be provided on request to:

- (a) The student's parents or the eligible student.
- (b) The student who is not an eligible student, if desired by the parents.

§ 43.17 Release of information for health or safety emergencies.

- (a) Educational institutions may release information from student records to appropriate persons in an emergency if the information is necessary to protect the health or safety of a student or other person. The factors to be used in determining whether records may be released under this section include the following:
- (1) The seriousness of the threat to the health or safety of the student or other persons.
- (2) The need for those records to meet the emergency.
- (3) Whether the persons to whom the records are released are in a position to deal with the emergency.
- (4) The extent to which time is of the essence in dealing with the emergency.

§ 43.18 Record of access.

- (a) Each educational institution shall maintain a record kept with the student records of each student, which will indicate all parties other than those specified in §43.14 which have requested or obtained access to those records and which will indicate specifically the legitimate interest that each party had in obtaining this information
- (b) A record of access shall be available only to:
 - (1) Parents or eligible students.
- (2) The school official and his or her assistants who are responsible for the custody of such records.